

Flores out, Mendez in as SGA president

Student leader withdraws resignation, but it’s too late, advisers say



MARTHA ORTIZ/COLLEGIAN

New SGA President Stephanie Mendez and new Senator Pro Tempore Francisco Lozano argue over procedures regarding the resignation of former President Juan de Dios Flores during last Wednesday’s senate meeting in Salón Cassia.

By Victoria Brito
THE COLLEGIAN

Tension ran high in the Student Government Association meeting last Wednesday after it was announced that President Juan de Dios Flores had resigned and Vice President of Administration Stephanie Mendez would succeed him.

“As per September 16, 2013, Mr. Juan de Dios Flores resigned from his position as president of the Student Government Association,” Mendez told the senate. “As per our constitution, it says that in the permanent vacancy of the president, the vice president of administration will go ahead and assume the position of president. ... He went ahead and resigned and his resignation was accepted.”

Francisco Lozano, a senator for the College of Science, Mathematics and

Technology, tried to explain to the SGA that Flores had withdrawn his resignation.

“Juan de Dios Flores has, as of this morning, e-mailed ... and taken back his resignation,” Lozano said. He argued that Flores’ resignation was not signed in person and must be approved by the senate before taking effect.

The SGA Executive Board did not agree with Lozano’s argument. As per its constitution, the senate does not need to approve the resignation of the president.

“We have to move on. We cannot just stay here and wait for him,” said Daniel Corona, the SGA’s vice president of policy and procedures.

Mendez further explained the situation.

“Mr. Juan de Dios Flores left to Mexico about ... two months ago,” Mendez said. “... So, he has not been able to come back

to the university, and we have proceeded with the constitution that any member of the SGA, regardless if it’s an officer or a senator, may have three absences per semester. Mr. Juan de Dios Flores had his third absence last Friday during our executive board meeting. So, we went ahead and gave him that time. And that time has passed. We e-mailed him plenty of times, and he went ahead and replied with his resignation. So, just to tell you what is going on, Mr. Juan de Dios Flores is not here in the U.S. at the moment, and he is unable to fulfill the duties of Student Government Association president.”

The senate took a five-minute recess so the executive board could sort out the issue. When the meeting resumed, Mendez said she had spoken to advisers Heather Olague and Sergio Martinez and confirmed that the senate does not need to vote on either accepting or rejecting

Lincoln Park soon to be UTB’s

City’s ‘gift’ to cost university \$6 million

By Cleiri Quezada
COLLEGIAN EDITOR

Last February, the Brownsville City Commission voted to donate 76.93 acres to the UT System to keep UT-Brownsville downtown; however, UT-Brownsville is going to pay \$6 million to the city for the relocation of Lincoln Park, university officials say.

During the Faculty/Staff Convocation held Sept. 6, UTB President Juliet V. García told the audience that the City of Brownsville had decided to give UTB 69 acres of property.

“The City of Brownsville decided they were going to try and gift us 69 acres of property. That land is Lincoln Park and all of the land adjacent to that ... and we

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KARINA CAPISTRAN/COLLEGIAN

The land on which Lincoln Park sits will become UTB property, university officials say, and the City of Brownsville will relocate the park closer to the residents of the Southmost neighborhood.

YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Chancellor to meet with UTB students



Students are invited to meet with University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student

Union’s Gran Salón.

Cigarroa will address ideas and updates related to the new university to be established in Fall 2015.

“While all students are invited, freshmen in particular are sought out, since they will be graduating from this new university, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to get needed information that affects them directly,” said Heather Olague, UTB’s director of Leadership Programs.

Free pizza and soft drinks will be served.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 882-5111 or the Office of Leadership Programs at 882-5775 or e-mail studentlife@utb.edu.

Flores’ resignation.

With Mendez now president, the position of vice president of administration is vacant. Mendez suggested appointing School of Business Senator Angelica Corona to the position, but the senate voted to table the appointment.

Student Leadership Director and SGA Adviser Heather Olague spoke of the turmoil taking over the SGA.

“You had some great debate these past two meetings, last week and this week, and I applaud you for that, that’s what democracy is all about. You state your side, someone else states the other side,” Olague said. “But it’s also about saying, ‘OK, but we respect what decisions were made,’ and you move on. There are lots of things that are out there in student

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

‘TIERRA BRAVA’ EXHIBIT

“**Tierra Brava**,” an exhibit of photos by **Paul Turounet**, will open with a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the **Gallery at Rusteberg Hall**. Turounet, a **Fulbright Fellowship** recipient, is chair of the Visual Arts and Humanities Department and an associate professor of art and photography at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif. Admission is \$1. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will run until Oct. 18.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The **Center for Civic Engagement** is looking to fill five advisory board vacancies. The board was created to enhance the relationship between UTB and nonprofit and civic leaders of Brownsville. For more information, call the Center for Civic Engagement at 882-4300.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

The **Center for Civic Engagement’s Project 100%**, Center for Civic Engagement **scholars** and Government Assistant Professor **Leland Coxe’s** students will register those eligible to vote from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Main Building courtyard and the University Boulevard Library. For more information, call CCE Coordinator **Estela Martinez** at 882-4300.

POLICE REPORTS

Sept. 7, 2013

12:13 a.m.: An officer found two men trying to force open a 1996 Ford Mustang in parking Lot V. One of the men, a student, said the vehicle was registered under his father’s name. The vehicle had a registration and state inspection sticker. A boot was placed on the vehicle and the student was told the boot would be removed when he found the registered owner of the vehicle.

Sept. 8, 2013

3:04 a.m.: An officer discovered a broken window to a 1996 Ford Mustang that was parked in Lot V. The car appeared to have been burglarized. The incident is under investigation.

Sept. 9, 2013

1:56 a.m.: A witness came to the University Police Department to report a victim being stabbed at the Stripes convenience store located on the corner of Jackson Street and International Boulevard. An officer was dispatched to the location. Witnesses told the officer that the suspect fled the scene in a white 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix. The victim who was attacked at Stripes had a cut on his hand and required emergency medical assistance. Several other people were attacked at other locations but were not severely injured and declined medical assistance. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 11, 2013

7:19 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Student Services Center in regard to a student suffering a seizure. Upon arrival, the officer found the student conscious but unable to speak. The officer supported the victim until emergency medical assistance arrived. The student was transported to Valley Baptist Medical Center-Brownsville.

--Compiled by Kaila Contreras

FREE FLU SHOTS

Student Health Services will administer flu shots at no charge to UTB students from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and to UTB faculty and staff with a Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance card from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in Cortez Hall 237, while supplies last. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 882-3896.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S KICK-OFF RALLY

The **Alzheimer’s Association** invites the public to its **Kick Off Alzheimer’s awareness rally** from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Cobbleheads Bar and Grill, 3154 Central Blvd. The event will feature door prizes, music, food, guest speakers and online registration for teams who wish to participate in the association’s annual **Walk to End Alzheimer’s**, scheduled Oct. 12 on the UT-Brownsville campus. For more information, call **Edward C. Camarillo**, chair of the Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Brownsville, at 534-7204.

SPI FALL CONCERTS ON THE BAY

Trop-Rock Americana musicians **J. Michael Lafferty Band** and beach band **Tropicosis** will perform at 7 and 8:30 p.m., respectively, Friday in the South Padre Island Entertainment District, at Laguna Boulevard and Pike Street. On Saturday, **Dr. Zog** will perform at 7 p.m. and **Nathan Williams and Zydeco Cha Chas** at 8:30 p.m. The performances are part of the **South Padre Island Fall Concerts on the Bay** series. For more information, call SPI Public Information Officer **Naida Robles** at 761-8110.

‘DEL FUEGO’ EXHIBIT

“**Del Fuego: Ceramic Works**,” an exhibit by UT-Brownsville Visual Arts faculty member **Julian Rodriguez**,

is on display through Saturday in the Alonso Building, 500 E. St. Charles St., in Brownsville. Admission is free. For more information, call 546-4242.

THE OZZIE CONTEST

The **Office of Creative Services** will sponsor an Ozzie contest via Facebook. Participants are asked to message a picture, drawing, doodle, poem, short video, sketch or anything else representing the university mascot, **Ozzie the Ocelot**. The deadline to submit an entry is Sept. 30. Two winners--the entry with the most likes and the most creative entry--selected by Creative Services will receive a bag with goodies such as headphones, a car charger for your devices, a cap and a UT-Brownsville T-shirt. For more information, call Senior Editor **Isis Lopez** at 882-4325.

NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?

Student Health Services, Brownsville Independent School District’s “Youth Connection Project” and the **BMA Food Bank of Brownsville** are working together to provide snack bags to students who have substandard living conditions and are in need of emergency food assistance. To see if you are eligible for the assistance, visit **Student Health Services** in Cortez Hall 237.

LEADERSHIP RING APPLICATION

The application for the **Leadership Ring** is now available for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 graduating seniors who have excelled in academics, leadership activities and service to the campus or to the community at large. The application must be submitted to Leadership Programs Director **Heather Olague** by 4 p.m. Oct. 2. For more information, call Olague at 882-5775.

--Compiled by Marisol Sanchez

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**For more information,
call the Office of Leadership Programs
956-882-5775**

A document worth reading

Center for Civic Engagement hosts annual Constitution Day

By Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

Last Tuesday, the Student Union veranda was covered in red, white and blue decorations as about 100 students heard about the importance of the U.S. Constitution.

The Center for Civic Engagement hosts an observance of Constitution Day every year for students to become aware of the history of the document. The event also featured a mock voting poll and a Constitution trivia game.

On May 14, 1787, delegates from states attended the Federal Convention in Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation, according to archives.gov. But instead of amending the existing articles, the delegates worked through the summer to draft “a new frame of government,” the website states.

During the UTB observance, members of the Reserved Officers’ Training Corps marched with the U.S. and Texas flags while a recording of the “Star-Spangled

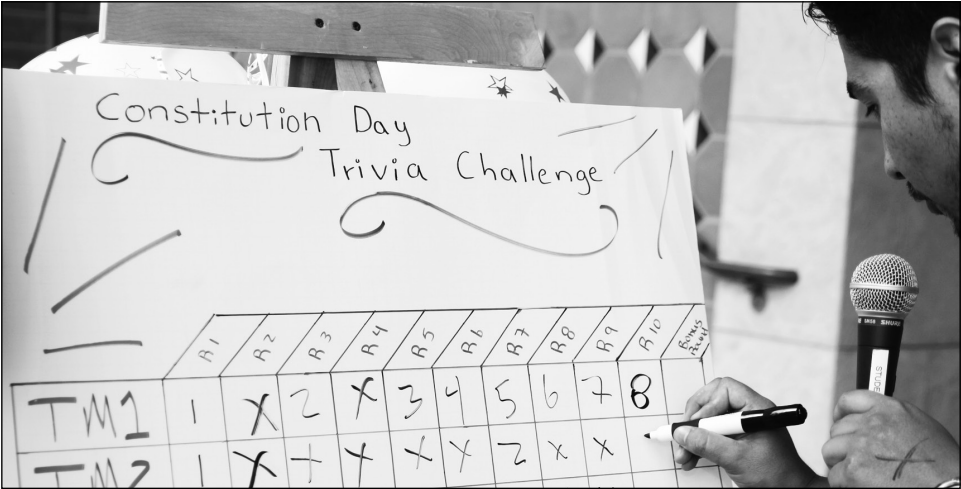
Banner” played in the background. Some students even took a photograph with a cutout of President Barack Obama. Student organizations that participated were the Catholic Campus Ministry, Communication Council, Sigma Psi Delta, Battleground and the Biomedical Sciences Association.

Pedro Rangel, a senior accounting major and Center for Civic Engagement scholar, helped prepare the veranda for Constitution Day, along with fellow scholars Joanna Garza, Joe Molina, Stephany Montoya, Rachel Ballesteros, Marcos Perez and Katellen Gomez.

“There [were] meetings throughout the semester ... from planning to donations, to help from other organizations on campus ... and from the community as well,” Rangel said.

Corinna Reyna, a junior special education major and president of Sigma Psi Delta, shared what she learned from attending Constitution Day.

“I should register to vote, get my voice out because that is my right,” Reyna said.



AMANDA ARREDONDO/COLLEGIAN

Senior engineering physics-mechanical major Joe Molina keeps score during the Constitution Day Trivia Challenge, held Sept. 17 as part of UT-Brownsville’s observance of Constitution Day. Molina served as the event’s master of ceremonies.

“[Sigma Psi Delta is] supporting the 19th Amendment. As a woman, that is my right and [I can] make a difference with just one vote.”

Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos was the guest speaker for the event. Cascos talked about the importance of being more involved in politics.

“Remember why you’re here, remember why you’re able to assemble,

remember that you can stand on a street corner and say whatever you feel like saying,” Cascos said, referring to the First Amendment to the Constitution. “People may not listen to you, but you’ve got the right to say it. ... Benjamin Franklin said something like, ‘We don’t guarantee your happiness, but we do support and guarantee your pursuit of it’ and that’s what’s important.”

One-stop shop for veterans @ The Tower

By Cleiri Quezada
COLLEGIAN EDITOR

The Veterans Resource Center has been moved from the Student Union to Enrollment Services @ The Tower in the Main Building.

The majority of the services provided to students and veterans are provided @ The Tower.

Joe Escobedo, coordinator of mentoring student services, said the new location is more convenient to serving veterans.

“We have the majority of the services like Financial Aid, Registrar’s, you know, the Business Office, Admissions, so basically a small version of a one-stop shop,” Escobedo said.

He said the new space is similar to the space the center had in Tandy Hall.

“We had a one-stop shop at one time, where students would walk in and they

would apply for admissions, questions would be answered, we had liaisons with Financial Aid, with Registrar’s. We pretty much had a one-stop shop when we were in Tandy.”

In the Sept. 9 issue of *The Collegian*, veterans complained about the lack equipment and space in the Student Union office of the Veterans Upward Bound program. The office previously was located in Tandy Hall but was moved on Aug. 5 due to the separation of Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas at Brownsville.

In order to provide faster services to the veterans, Vice President for Enrollment Services Sylvia Leal said the best solution was to move the Veterans Resource Center with all the other offices at the Enrollment Tower.

“This service is ... for all of our veterans

on campus,” Leal said. “Every single veteran here needs to process their own special funding through the Hazlewood [Act]. They get support services. They get a lot of different support through [the Veterans Resource Center] office.”

U.S. Army veteran Michael Chavez said the Veterans Resource Center helps him any time he has a financial, housing allowance or GI Bill problem.

“Those are the problems that we usually go to them for. I haven’t had any issues with them, even though I turned in everything really late,” Chavez said.

He said Escobedo is able to help the veterans because he is a veteran as well.

“Joe Escobedo is ... dedicated, he’s a fellow troop, so he understands what we’re saying; he takes care of it,” Chavez said.

After the relocation of the Veterans

Resource Center, the Veterans Upward Bound office in the Student Union was equipped with six computers, a printer and copy machine, a microwave and extra chairs.

“Without them many, many veterans would be in a heap of trouble,” Chavez said of the Veterans Upward Bound program. “They provide the tutors, the lab, free printing for veterans, which is the best thing and, so far, we just got the lab now, which helped a lot. With computers, we have where to study at.”

The Veterans Resource Center employs two work-studies and is serving 494 veterans this semester. Previously, it had three full-time and two part-time staff members.

“Services will not get dropped, it will not get disrupted,” Escobedo said. “It’s just a challenging transition, should we say, it’s just a transition.”

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agreed to help the City of Brownsville relocate the park closer to the residents in Southmost,” García told *The Collegian* in an interview Sept. 16.

Asked why the university would have to pay \$6 million if the city donated the land, the president replied: “The city already has land where they think this will work, so they don’t have to buy the land and so the \$6 million will go to literally moving the equipment. ... So, I guess you could say that the land costs us \$6 million.”

In an interview after the Sept. 17 Brownsville City Commission meeting, *The Collegian* asked Mayor Tony Martinez why UTB has to pay \$6 million for land that was donated by the city.

“...it was basically a relocation type of situation,” Martinez said. “We’ll be discussing it with them so that we can make sure that we allocate or do the right thing for the City of Brownsville in the sense of replacing whatever it is that we may have thought would be better use for a university vs. a park at this particular time, but we’ll make it even.”

García said the land is valuable because it’s close to campus.

“We needed [the land] right next

door,” she said. “...that land has value not only because of its acreage but because of its location adjacent to the university, so we’re very lucky, I think, that what the city gave us was very valuable to us beyond a dollar amount per acre in order to build our campus here. So, I saw it as a win-win.”

UT-Brownsville will not take ownership of that land until it has helped the city identify the land for its new park and pay the city for the relocation of the park to the new site.

“We still have to sign the papers,” García said. “We haven’t done that yet because [the city is] doing things like appraisals and they have to actually get the legal boundaries of the property and that takes weeks,” García said. “As soon as that is done, the city will have to begin the process of identifying where they want to relocate to. As soon as that is done, then we start talking about ... building the new space out and then we’ll be able to move in, so we’ll be OK because we don’t need the Lincoln Park property right now. We have plenty of other land that we can build on. It’s OK that it takes time. It’s better to take it slow and make it look like you wanted it to, than to rush into it.”

The university will pay for the land with its allocation from the Permanent

University Fund. UTB received a total of \$44.8 million from the PUF this summer.

García said the PUF monies will be distributed quarterly. The next distribution is in November; UTB has already made a request of \$150 million.

“We’re hoping to get a good portion of that,” García said.

PUF monies can be used only for new construction, renovation of old buildings, for fiber networks and to hire the best faculty in the world.

“So, say we want to be a place that studies ... marine biology or marine toxicology and we may apply,” García said. “We say, ‘We want the five best faculty members that we can find worldwide in the area of marine toxicology, we want them here,’ so we can apply for STARS funding for those. ... So, we’re gonna take full advantage of every non-constraint of PUF funding.”

The UT System’s Faculty Science and Technology Acquisition and Retention (STARS) program awards funds to institutions to help attract and retain the best-qualified faculty, according to the system’s website. It is funded “through Permanent University Fund bond proceeds to help purchase state-of-the-art research equipment and make necessary laboratory renovations to encourage faculty members to perform

their research at UT institutions,” the website states.

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concerns and if you, as SGA, spend all of your time worrying about the past or being upset because a vote didn’t go your way, you’re not going to make progress in this merger/consolidation that’s going on. You’re going to get left behind and you’re not going to give your student input.”

In an interview with *The Collegian* after the meeting, SGA co-adviser Executive Director of Student Engagement Sergio Martinez confirmed Flores had resigned and then withdrawn his resignation.

“He has been absent for the last three executive board meetings and he finally has decided to resign,” Martinez said. “I know that the officers have been working with him, giving him a little bit of leniency to make himself present but he has not, so now he has resigned.”

Asked what Flores’ resignation means to the SGA, Martinez replied: “I don’t know what it means to SGA but I know what it means ... from an adviser’s standpoint. I consider him no longer the president. We took his resignation. I even responded, ‘Best of luck. Sorry you can’t

You can do it all!

By Monica Gudiño

THE COLLEGIAN



If you are an incoming freshman or you just got your first job, like me, life can get a little overwhelming. Between juggling schoolwork, a job (if you have one) and making time

for your family and friends, things can get tough.

Now that we are in the fifth week of school, you are probably starting to get the hang of things or you might think that you can't do it all. Let me tell you: You need to learn how.

During the training week last month for Student Media employees, a speaker came in and gave us an exercise.

She divided us into teams and started passing out an empty jam jar along with a bag that contained little toys and various marbles. She said that we had to put all the items of the bag into the jar and the team that finished first would win.

My team and I placed the big items first: a little towel, two plastic toys and a small sponge. By then, our jar was filled more than halfway up. Then we dropped in the marbles, fitting them in between the spaces of the big items and wherever we could find space.

After we finished, the speaker asked us how we did it and we explained how tough it was to fit in all the items. She told us that that's how life is--the big things that we put in the jar represent family, school and work. The marbles represent the small things in life that are not necessarily a priority.

Figuring out how to organize your time and yourself can be tricky.

Try making a to-do list, or keep a



calendar to stay organized. Put little reminders on your phone.

When it comes to classes, thinking ahead can make your life easier. Use the syllabus that professors hand out at the beginning of the semester.

Realizing what is important in life can be hard at first, but you learn from your mistakes.

I'm not saying you have to stop doing all the things that you enjoy, like going out with your friends, watching movies, reading, painting, etc.

You have to prioritize the big things in your life first and the rest will follow.

Everything can seem impossible at first, but as Mexican moms say: *"Todo cabe sabiéndolo acomodar"* ("Everything fits if you know how to accommodate it.")

Letter to the editor

Supporting Perry's law on women's health care

As Americans, we are entitled to our opinion and the right to express it. Though I respect Mr. Eugene Novogrodsky's opinion in his letter to the editor ("How to combat Perry's legislation," Sept. 9), I must respectfully disagree with his accusations.

He claims Gov. Perry has led an "attack" on Texas women's health, when in reality it ensures a higher quality of it. The new legislation on abortion will require abortion clinics to meet the standards of outpatient surgery centers. That measure automatically improves the quality of health care women will receive at these clinics. The abortion pill will now require a doctor's prescription. This

will ensure women who are able to take the pill can and for those who cannot for some medical reason, cannot.

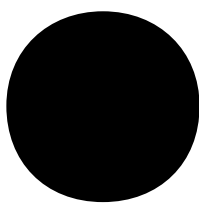
Finally, the new legislation will prevent any abortions after 20 weeks--that is five months, sir. Five months is a fair and reasonable time to decide if a woman or couple wants to have an abortion, because after five months an abortion substantially increases the health risks for the woman.

So, Mr. Novogrodsky, for these reasons, and many more not mentioned here, I disagree with your opinion.

Ezequiel Berrones

Senior international business major

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Why did you choose UTB or TSC?

"I chose UTB because it's cheaper tuition and it was closer to home."

Frida Perez

Biomedical sciences freshman



"It's closer to my house and because my parents forced me to come [to UTB]."

Eddy Olvera

Criminal justice junior



"Well, it has really great value, TSC, and it's a really new community college. I'm really interested in new things, so that's why I joined."

David Leija

TSC audio engineering sophomore



"Bueno, yo vivo en Matamoros [México] y creo que Estados Unidos tiene más oportunidades de trabajo para mí".

Rebeca Salomón
UTB art sophomore

--Compiled by Brenda Lopez
--Photos by Martha Ortiz

¡Viva México!

By Monica Gudiño
THE COLLEGIAN

Dozens of people marked the 203rd anniversary of Mexico’s independence from Spain during a ceremony filled with music, dance, videos and *el grito de independencia*.

“It’s one of the greatest moments of our country,” Juan Cerda Benítez of the Mexican Consulate office in Brownsville said before the ceremony, which was held Sept. 13 in the Arts Center. “We became independent from Spain and the cry of Dolores on the 16th of September that was done by the priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla was the initiation of our independence.”

Even though it was a rainy night, many people came to celebrate the anniversary. “I love the folkloric dances,” said Pamela Escobar, a marketing sophomore. “They are one of Mexico’s big things and it represents the culture of Mexico and its traditions.”

The event included several dances

from different regions of the country. Before each dance, the audience watched a video from each state represented by the dance.

The dances, performed by Conceptos Entidad Dancística, included “Tastoanes,” of Jalisco; “Norte de Tamaulipas”; “La Cuna del Huapango” and “Son en Fusión,” both of Veracruz.

Consul Rodolfo Quilantán Arenas and his wife, Patricia Tapia de Quilantán, took the stage along with a replica of the “*Campana de Dolores*” that Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang on Sept. 16, 1810.

Then a color guard carried in the Mexican flag, which was handed to Quilantán, who proceeded to give *el grito*.

“Long live the heroes that gave us the fatherland and liberty!” Quilantán said in Spanish. He also called out the names of the people who played key roles in the Mexican revolution, including Hidalgo and José María Morelos, also a priest and rebel leader.

After *el grito*, the audience sang the



TONY PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Members of the Conceptos Entidad Dancística perform “Norte de Tamaulipas” Sept. 13 in the TSC Arts Center as part of the 203rd anniversary celebration of Mexico’s independence from Spain.

Mexican national anthem and Quilantán returned the flag to the color guard.

The event ended with a performance by the mariachi Siete Leguas. Asked why it’s important to celebrate *el*

dieciséis, Cerda replied: “You remember your people, your roots, food, music and all of your traditions. It’s a mosaic of sentiment that we feel and that happened on this very day.”

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be president.’ ... I consider him resigned and I consider it a closed matter.”

Although Flores has formally resigned, there are some who wish he had not.

“I think there was one senator that was outspoken, Francisco, and that’s fine,” Martinez said. “He’s entitled to his opinion, but from what I’ve read in the constitution, the moment someone resigns ... the vice president [of administration] automatically takes office. And that’s how we took it.”

In the absence of Flores, Mendez has been conducting double duties.

“Because he’s been absent and unable to fulfill his duty as president, we’ve been having Stephanie Mendez be acting president and vice president of administration,” Martinez said.

Flores’ communication with the Student Life Department has been limited.

“I have not spoken to him personally in probably about four weeks. ... I have received very little communication, if any,” Martinez said. “Him resigning is the last message I’ve received from him in three weeks. ... So now that he’s resigned, SGA can move forward.”

On Wednesday, Flores sent an e-mail to Martinez and Olague withdrawing his resignation; however, it was too late.

“For whatever reason, he’s changed his mind, but it’s already too late. ... If he didn’t want to resign, he should not have submitted it in the first place,” Martinez said.

In an interview with *The Collegian* via telephone from Matamoros, Flores said he is in a “difficult situation.”

“I am unable to be at the university physically, so that’s been a great burden for me to pass legislation,” he said, not explaining why he could not be on campus.

Flores said he does not agree with some of the decisions the SGA has made in his absence, including the approval of stipends for the executive board.

“I believe that the money should [not] be used for the benefit of only a few,” Flores said.

In an e-mail sent to *The Collegian* after the interview, Flores also accused Mendez of appointing students to the senate without his approval and “not following the proper procedure established by me.”

“I’m right here in Matamoros,” he said. “I try talking with everybody to pass legislation via Skype ... using technology to our advantage. And instead of finding this as a way to collaborate and work together, many students took this as a way to fight for power and advocate for a better position.”

Asked if he knew ahead of time that he would not be on campus, Flores replied: “That was out of my hands. I was supposed to be back a month and a half ago. I was caught in a situation that I have to wait, that was obviously out of my control. The executive board tried passing documents that would protect me for a month. ... Not only did the SGA advisers not approve it but the vice president of administration did not approve it. So without their help ... I just decided to give them the space they need and put myself out of the way.”

He said many senators persuaded him to withdraw his resignation and try to find another solution.

“Unfortunately, that was not possible and there was nothing I can do about it,” Flores said.

Asked when he expects to return to campus, Flores replied: “Probably within a month. I am not certain about it. It’s out of my control.”

Flores has mixed emotions about his resignation.

“Personally, I’m not very happy. I feel that I have failed the students, mainly, because I promised a change ... and that I’m not successful in doing it because of this situation and many other factors. ... On the other side, I feel glad that this burden is [off] my back because being across the border without being able to participate or being [in communication] or for people to be hiding facts or passing legislation. ... I just wish them a successful year and I know that it’s tough [because] the university is going through ... changes--the split/merger. ... I would like to recommend [for] them to focus on representation and finding the problems that need to be fixed, instead of trying to promote student life; that’s why we have the Student Life Department. They need to take care of that; we need to represent.”

Asked Thursday if she had any communication with Flores, Mendez replied: “I tried to contact him. For example, one time I told him, ‘Hey, can we Skype?’ and he [said], ‘No, I

Translation colloquium set

University of Madrid official to be keynote speaker

By Monica Gudiño
THE COLLEGIAN

The Modern Languages Department at UT-Brownsville will host a colloquium in observance of International Translation Day.

“Move Beyond with Translation: UTB’s First International Translation Day Colloquium” will take place from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Main Building’s Salón Cassia.

“We’re expecting an attendance of 50 to 70 people, most of them undergraduate students,” Jorge Jiménez-Bellver, an instructor in Modern Languages, told *The Collegian*.

Jiménez-Bellver said the university’s Translation and Interpreting program is one of the strongest in the College of Liberal Arts.

Elena Fernández-Miranda, directorate general for Translation, European Commission/Complutense University of Madrid, will be the keynote speaker.

Fernández-Miranda will lecture on “Eugene Nida, Pioneer of Modern Translatology: His Theory and Ideas,” as presented in her new book, “*Sobre la traducción*” (“About Translation”); a Spanish translation of “Towards a Science of Translating”; and, “The Theory and Practice of Translation.”

Other invited speakers are Lola Norris,



Elena Fernandez-Miranda

an assistant professor from Texas A&M University-Laredo, who will speak about translation pedagogy; Marko Miletich, an assistant professor from the University of Texas at Arlington, will talk about literary translation; Melissa Wallace, an assistant professor from the University of Texas at San Antonio, will speak about court interpreting; and Rosemary Liñán Landa, a faculty adjunct in UTB’s Modern Languages Department, will talk about sign language interpreting.

All of the talks will be interpreted simultaneously into Spanish. Refreshments will be served.

would rather not. If you need to tell me something, go ahead and text me.”

Regarding Flores’ claims that he was not given enough time to take care of personal matters resulting in his absence, Mendez replied: “We did give him the amount of [time], by right. He was given three absences, which is pretty much this whole month of being absent, which is what he was asking for ... so it was given to him.”

Flores said he resigned due to word of his potential impeachment.

Mendez said an impeachment resolution sponsored by Vice President of Policy and Procedure Daniel Corona, co-sponsored by Pedro Rangel, vice president of public relations and by Mendez passed unanimously in the Sept. 13 executive board meeting.

Mendez said Eréndira Santillana, vice president of historical archives, suggested contacting Flores and advising him to resign instead of being impeached.

Asked what challenges she foresees as president of the SGA, Mendez replied: “I see a lot of challenges. ... You can see that the SGA looks pretty divided, and that is a very major obstacle that I see. ... I wish we all worked very [well] together. I know that some of us might not be liked by everyone. I would like to work very [well] with everyone because we are here for the same purpose. If we all claim to represent the students, then let’s go ahead and do that. Let’s forget about past issues or personal attachments. This is business.”

Mendez’s first goal as president is to

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García: 'I just haven't decided yet'

Doesn't know if she will apply for new university presidency

By Marlane Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

Juliet V. García, president of the University of Texas at Brownsville, said she has not applied for the position of presidency for the new university in South Texas.

"No, I have not," García told *The Collegian* in an interview Sept. 16 when asked if she had applied to lead the new university that will be created from the merger of UTB and the University of Texas at Pan American. "I just haven't decided yet, finally, whether or not I'm going to apply."

The new president of the yet unnamed university will be chosen either at the end of this year or the beginning of next spring, García said, adding that she does not know who has applied for the position.

Asked what she would do if she doesn't seek the presidency, García replied with a laugh: "I have no idea."

"I have lots of things I'm thinking about," she said. "I'm an advocate, that's what I know how to do. I'm loud and have always had to speak about constraints, about what I think is important."

García said she must always be an advocate for Latino education and for women.

"I'm not sure what road that takes me down but it will be a good one, I'm sure," she said.

Officials are now starting to think about the new university, she said.

"We've been so busy doing this work of finishing this separation [of UTB and Texas Southmost College] and then going through the [Texas] Legislature,

trying to get permission to do all of this," she said. "Now, having done that part of it successfully, [we are] now starting to think about the new university."

Senate Bill 24, which was filed Feb. 4, approved unanimously by the Texas Senate and formally signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry on June 14, authorizes the UT System board of regents to abolish UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan American and create a new university with academic campuses in Cameron and Hidalgo counties, an academic center in Starr County and a medical school.

Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, executive director of Public Affairs for the University of Texas System, said no one had applied for the presidency as of Sept. 19.

"There should be an announcement by the end of this month on the search firm, and who's on the search committee," LaCoste-Caputo said.

The UT System expanded the presidential search committee, which will determine the qualifications for the new president, to make sure they have the right set of voices, she said.

Asked what the qualifications are for the presidency, LaCoste-Caputo replied they have not been determined yet.

"There are search firms that specialize in that," she said.

The search committee will be formed by the end of the month. The UT System board of regents makes the final selection of the committee members.

People can self-nominate or be nominated by others to serve on the committee, LaCoste-Caputo said.

There are no specific criteria for

community members. They are selected based on their willingness to serve and their knowledge of higher education, she said.

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa and Executive Vice Chancellor for the Office of Academic Affairs Pedro Reyes also have input on who serves on the committee.

On Sept. 12, the board of regents approved an expanded search advisory committee for the president for the new UT System university in South Texas.

The expanded search will increase the *Regents' Rules and Regulations* committee by one regent, two faculty members, two deans, one student, one alumni association president, one non-faculty employee and two representatives of the institutions' external constituencies.

The following committee membership was proposed:

-- Two regents to be appointed by the chairman of the board.

--Two presidents from the UT System to be appointed by the chairman of the board.

--The executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

--Five faculty members, two from each of the institutions involved and one from the faculty of a health institution identified by the chancellor. At least four of the faculty members will have the rank of associate professor or higher. The method of selection for all faculty members will be determined by the faculty governance of the institutions.

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reach out to UTB's colleges that have no representation in the SGA and recruit representatives. Mendez also wants to conduct an outreach to the student body, asking what their concerns are.

After the executive board meets with UTB President Juliet V. García and Provost Alan Artibise on Oct. 3, a date for the State of the Student Body address will be determined.

In other business,

--Francisco Lozano was elected senator pro tempore;

--freshman applications have been submitted and four representatives will be appointed immediately.

--Three deans: one from each of the institutions involved and one from a health institution identified by the chancellor. The academic deans will be selected by the deans' council and the dean from the health institution will be the dean of the medical school.

--Two students, in good academic standing, from each of the institutions involved. The method of selection will be determined by the student governance of each institution.

-- Two presidents of the alumni associations of the involved institutions.

--Two non-faculty employees of the institutions. The method of selection will be determined by the staff or employee council of the institutions.

--Four representatives of the institutions' external constituencies who have demonstrated a deep interest in and support of the institution, its programs and its role in community activities, to be appointed by the chairman of the board.

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AMANDA ARREDONDO/COLLEGIAN

Members of the Artcelots include (front row, from left) Miriam Hernandez, Martha Hernandez, Christian Rodriguez, President Maria Lozano and Vice President Bianca Camarillo. Middle row: Adviser and Visual Arts Lecturer Stephen Hawks, Robert Ruiz, Lili Martinez, Ashley Rodriguez, German Juarez, Wendy Reyna, Edna Escobedo, Nailea Rivas and Adviser and Visual Arts Professor Carlos G. Gómez. Back row: Jesse Burciaga and Cora Dorsett.

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Vice President: Bianca Camarillo

Secretary: Rebekah Bonner

Treasurer: Roman Gonzalez

Advisers: Visual Arts Lecturer Stephen Hawks and Professor Carlos G. Gómez

Activities: Solar Table, Sept. 21; fundraiser, Sept. 26; pumpkin carving contest, Oct. 5; Breast Cancer Awareness Day, Oct. 11; and a haunted house event

planned for late October.

Community service: Teaching art to the community 11 a.m. to noon every Saturday in the Carlotta K. Petrina Cultural Center in Brownsville.

Meetings: Noon Wednesdays and 5 p.m. Fridays in the Rustenberg Hall painting room.

Membership requirements: a \$10 fee and must teach one class at the Carlotta K. Petrina Cultural Center.

For more information, contact: artclub.utb@gmail.com or facebook.com/artcelots

-Compiled by Monica Gudiño

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Men’s soccer rolls through Alabama

Women’s team falls to 4-2

By Sergio Mata
SPORTS EDITOR

The UT-Brownsville Men’s Soccer Team has plenty of rest until it enters conference play Saturday at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.

On Sept. 13, the then-unranked Ocelots conquered the University of Mobile, the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, 4-2 and then shut out William Carey University the next day, 2-0.

“I’m really proud of the guys,” UTB Men’s Soccer Coach Dan Balaguero said in an interview with *The Collegian* last Tuesday. “They worked extremely hard. We deserved to win as well. The game was close but we had better chances.”

Midfielder Victor Parreiras’ performance in both games earned him his first Red River Athletic Conference Award of his college career.

“It’s my first time that I win that and it was amazing,” Parreiras said. “My



MARTHA ORTIZ/COLLEGIAN

UT-Brownsville midfielder Gus Holmes (left) and defender Jesse Hinds compete for the ball during practice Sept. 18. The Ocelots have jumped 29 spots to No. 15 in the NAIA national rankings. Their next home game is 7 p.m. Oct. 3 against the Texas College Steers.

parents were proud of me and I’m proud of myself.”

He scored a game-high two goals against Mobile, while forwards Ricardo Diegues and Carlos Acevedo scored one apiece.

Against William Carey University, Parreiras and Diegues scored one goal



TONY PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Ocelots forward Priscila Barros attempts to dribble to the goal during practice last Wednesday on the UT-Brownsville Soccer Field. The Ocelots were preparing for their game against Texas A&M International University-Laredo, which takes place at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

each.

“With the record we have we should maintain this momentum,” Acevedo said. “Hopefully, we can keep on winning.”

With the recent success on the road and a 7-1 record overall, UTB jumped

to No. 15 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coaches’ Poll.

The UT-Brownsville Women’s Soccer Team will play at home against NCAA Division II Texas A&M International University at 3 p.m. today and at University of the Southwest on Saturday.

The Ocelots are looking to bounce back from a 3-0 loss Sept. 14 against No. 17 William-Carey University, which ended a four-game winning streak.

“Against William Carey we made some other substitutions because it was still non-conference. We let other people play,” UTB Women’s Head Soccer Coach Juan de Dios Garcia said. “We lost but we got some valuable information and learning experiences as well.”

The Ocelots did, however, defeat No. 8 University of Mobile 3-2 Sept.13.

Forward Isadora Freitas scored twice and midfielder Jessica Santacruz scored one goal against Mobile.

“I really feel good,” Santacruz said. “[University of Mobile] are a good team.”

UTB fell to the No. 15 rank in the Sept. 17 NAIA Coaches’ Poll.

Ocelots stay strong

Improve record to 9-0

By Sergio Mata
SPORTS EDITOR



The UT-Brownsville Volleyball Team is looking to extend its winning streak in conference play at home Saturday against the University of the

Southwest.

The Ocelots extended their record to 9-0 (1-0) after beating Texas College 3-0 (25-10, 25-12, 25-12) Sept. 14, the first win of the season in conference play.

“I thought we played OK,” Athletics Director and Volleyball Coach Todd Lowery said. “I don’t think Texas College is necessarily a team that can challenge us and I don’t think our mental focus was quite where it needed to be for that weekend. The big thing for us is we have to play better no matter who we’re playing, so I expected a little bit more out of that match.”

Right-side hitter Michelle Marques and outside hitter Annelies Dokter both

had a team high of seven kills in the game. Middle blocker Vanja Joksic contributed with six.

“I think we are a better team,” UTB setter Xiaoyu Guo said. “That day, I don’t think we played very good.”

Guo had three kills and a game-high 13 assists for the Ocelots.

The Ocelots maintained their No.

2 spot in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coaches’ Poll, receiving one of the 20 first-place votes, with the other 19 going to Concordia University.

UTB played at home against Huston-Tillotson University and the University of St. Thomas-Houston last weekend. Results were unavailable at press time.

Athlete of the Week

Name: Isadora Freitas
Classification: Senior
Major: Kinesiology
Sport: Soccer
Position: Forward
Hometown: Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Who is your favorite athlete?

“Cristiano Ronaldo. My sport is soccer so I really like the way he plays. For me, he’s a complete athlete. He has everything a soccer player should have. He’s strong, he’s smart, he dribbles a lot and he’s fast and that’s kind of the way I play, so I look [up] to him.” Ronaldo is a forward for the Spanish soccer team Real Madrid. Born in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, he won the 2006-2008 Barclays Player of the Year award, the 2008 and 2012 Goal.com Player of the Year award and the 2007-2008 and 2012-2013 Union of European Footballers Association Champions League Top Soccer award.

Who is your role model?

“I would say my mom and my dad because I saw them change their lives so much because of me, my brother and my sister and they work hard to give the best to us.”

What do you like to do for fun?

“I like to be around my teammates. ... We go to the beach. I also like to play soccer [with other players]. I Skype a lot, I’m always on the Internet trying to communicate with my friends from home.”

When did you begin playing soccer and why did you start playing?

“I started playing because of my dad. He used to play soccer before, so he brought



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

me, my sister and my brother to this field. I started playing when I was 7. I used to play indoor soccer before, which is a little bit different than outdoor.”

Did you play in high school and did you get any awards?

“I played in high school, I got Best Player, Five-Star Athlete and Most Goals.”

What is your favorite movie?

“‘Titanic.’ ... It’s based on a true story and my sister told me to watch it when I was [younger].”

What are your goals for this season?

“To win the national title, for sure; [this is] my last season and I couldn’t ask for anything better than to win the national title.”

Is there a song that gets your head in the game?

“It’s a Brazilian song. ... It’s called ‘Ai Se Eu Te Pego’ by Michel Telo. Cristiano Ronaldo scored the goal and he danced [to] this song ... and after this, this song got famous everywhere, even here in the United States. So, a lot of people know this song.”

--Compiled by Kaila Contreras

Acción Deportiva

Por Juan Esteve



La máxima competición mundial de fútbol a nivel de clubes está de regreso. El pasado martes y miércoles tuvimos la primera fecha de la fase de grupos en la UEFA Champions League de esta temporada 2013-14.

Uno de los equipos que siempre es candidato para ganar, los merengues de Real Madrid goleó a domicilio a los turcos del equipo Galatasaray por marcador final impactante de 6 a 1 en un resultado sorpresivo debido a la difícil aduana que representa Estambul para los visitantes generalmente.

En este partido la gran figura fue quien más que CR7, el portugués Cristiano Ronaldo, quien marcó tres goles para ser la figura del partido el último de esos tres pepinazos un verdadero señor gol. Los otros anotadores de este partido para el club blanco fueron Karim Benzema con dos goles y el mediocampista Isco. Este último

fue quien abrió la cuenta y los demás goles cayeron por racimo. En otros resultados del martes, el equipo del mexicano Carlos Vela cayó como local ante el equipo ucraniano del Shaktar Donetsk. Además, el Manchester United también ganó por 4 a 2 al Bayern Leverkusen de Alemania, en este juego no tuvo participación Javier “Chicharito” Hernández.

En otros encuentros importantes el actual campeón, el equipo alemán del Bayern Muchen goleó 3 a 0 al equipo del CSK A de Moscú. También el equipo italiano actual campeón de la serie A Juventus, jugó en esta semana y empató su partido a un gol con el equipo danés del FC Copenague. Los franceses del Paris St. Germain golearon 4 a 1 en Grecia a los del Olympiacos con goles del ídolo Edison Cavani, Thiago Motta, quien se despachó con dos anotaciones, y el sueco Zlatan Ibrahimovic anotó uno más para cerrar la cuenta en el grupo C.

En el grupo D, el Manchester City también se llevó el gato al agua al ganar por goleada de 3 a 0 en su partido contra el Viktoria Plzen checo. Así que esto fue la actividad en el arranque de la fase de grupos de la UEFA Champions League. Después de ver esta jornada solo podemos esperar una gran temporada. Para más información, recuerden visitar bordersports.net.

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